THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

Notification, dated Bangalore, the 17th December 1900.

No. 68.—Notice is hereby given for general information that the right—

(1) of wholesale supply, and

(2) of retail vend

in the Province of Coorg, of ganja, charas, bhang and other intoxicating drugs prepared from the hemp plant, from the 1st day of April 1901 to the 31st day of March 1902, will be sold by public auction at Mercara at 12 noon on Friday the 8th March 1901, before the 2nd Assistant Commissioner of Coorg.

2. The sale shall be subject to confirmation by the Commissioner of Coorg.

3. Only one license for wholesale vend, to be located at Mercara or Fraserpet, will be granted in the Province of Coorg; and licensed retail vendors will be required to purchase intoxicating drugs for retail sale in their respective shops from the licensed wholesale vendor and in no other way, unless where directed to take over the stock of a retail vendor whose license has expired.

4. The Commissioner may refuse to grant a license whether wholesale or retail, to the highest bidder without assigning any reason for such refusal and no such license shall be granted to a female.

5. A license in such form as the Chief Commissioner may prescribe shall be granted by the Commissioner to the successful purchaser, subject, in the case of the license for wholesale vend, to the payment of an additional fee of Rs. 15. This fee, together with the amount bid by the successful purchaser, shall be paid before the license is granted.

6. The import into Coorg of intoxicating drugs, except from the Madras Presidency and under cover of a permit granted by the Commissioner as hereinafter provided, is prohibited.

7. (1) When the licensed wholesale vendor requires to obtain a supply of intoxicating drugs he shall first pay duty into the Government Treasury at Mercara at the following rates:—

For ganja Rs. 4 per seer of 80 tolas.
„ charas „ 6 do do.
„ bhang annas 8 do do.

(2) The licensed wholesale vendor shall present with the money a chalan in the prescribed form and the Treasury Officer shall grant him a receipt in the form attached thereto. The licensed wholesale vendor shall then apply to the Commissioner who, on production of the treasury receipt, will grant him a pass authorising him to procure the drugs covered thereby from the Madras Presidency, subject to such conditions as the Madras Government may prescribe in that behalf.

8. The number of retail shops is restricted to six, *viz.*

One at Mercara (Mahadeopet).
„ Virajendrapet.
„ Gonicopal.
„ Fraserpet.
„ Somvarpet, and
„ Sanivarsante.

9. The prices at which the drugs are to be sold by the licensed wholesale vendor to retail vendors shall be as follows:—

Ganja, Charas, Bhang } one anna per tola.

For further particulars apply to the Commissioner of Coorg or to the officer conducting the sale.

H. R. C. DOBBS,
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

NOTICE.

The 29th January 1901.

The late Mr. Abdul Aziz having died on the 8th December 1900, it has been decided to admit his two sons K. Abdul Raheem and K. Mahamad Sheriff as partners in the firm of Messrs. K. Abdul Aziz and Yacoob Sheriff on and after the above date, and to carry on the business as before in the name and style of Messrs. K. Abdul Aziz and Yacoob Sheriff as formerly.